News Around Town

By Mrs. Calvin Robinson

I liked this one:
My friend, Susan, has active children. One day she was playing cowboys and Indians with them when I stopped in for a visit. As the boy leveled his gun at his mother and yelled "Bang," she slumped to the floor and lay collapsed in a heap.
When she didn't get up, I hurried to see if she was all right. As I bent over her anxiously, she opened one eye and sighed, "Sh-h-h, I always do this. It's the only chance I get to rest." —Capper's Weekly.

Mrs. Shafter Drinkard and Mrs. Berkley Drinkard are attending a D. A. R. State Conference at the Chamberlain Hotel, Old Point. Mrs. Shafter Drinkard attended a luncheon meeting of State Assembly of the Daughters of the American Colonists at the Chamberlain on Wednesday. They will visit relatives on the Peninsula before returning home Friday.

Miss Beulah Ferrell underwent an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital Wednesday morning. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The Bloomer Girls, P.-T.A. basketball team, and the P.-T. A. Daddies team will play a doubleheader here Friday night at the Appomattox High School Gym. They play teams from Concord.

The Appomattox Chapter, U. D. C., will meet this evening in the home of Mrs. Calvin Robinson, at 8:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Congratulations to Hugh Gurney for making the Dean's List at Tufts University. He is a freshman, and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gurney.

The Appomattox Town Council will meet Monday night, March 19, in the Town Office.

Mrs. K. E. Coleman and Mrs. Billy Conner motored to Roanoke Wednesday and attended a luncheon at the Hotel Roanoke, of the Southwest Virginia Accountant Club.

Mrs. Joel W. Flood was named president of Alice Kyle District of the Virginia Federation of Womens Clubs Tuesday at the district meeting held in Danville.
Among those from here, in addition to Mrs. Flood, attending this meeting were Mrs. C. F. P. Crawley, president of the Woman's Club of Appomattox; Mrs. F. F. Carr, Mrs. H. Y. Spencer, Mrs. Katie Doss and Miss Mary Jane Cole.

The executive board of the Junior Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet Monday night, March 19, at 7:30, with Mrs. Murrell Ferguson.

The following slogan has been suggested for Traffic Safety: Be careful, the life you save might be your own.

We are informed that Miss Peggy Henry, of Appomattox High School, lost by a narrow margin yesterday in the Zone finals of the American Legion Oratorical Contest.
She had previously won the 4th district contest and was competing with the 1st and 2nd district winners for the right to participate in the State Finals.
Peggy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry, made an excellent showing in the various contests in which she appeared. The national winner gets a $4,000 college scholarship.
We understand Miss Henry plans to enroll at Vanderbilt University next fall.

WESTLING IN LYNCHBURG

Argentine Rocca and Ali Pascha meet in a best of three falls pro wrestling match with a 60-minute time limit at Lynchburg City Armory on Saturday night.
This week's program was shifted to Saturday in order that Rocca could appear in Lynchburg. Matchmaker Babe Sharkey also switched the time of the program to 8 P. M.
Saturday night's card will include four events and will introduce four newcomers to Lynchburg fans.

PLAN STUNT FOR SCHOOL BAND CIRCUS

All indications point to the fact that there will be an early spring. Already plans are being started for an unusual event to happen in this community beginning next week and ending April 21. "A crop of Beards" will start growing for contestants in a "Bluebeard" stunt.
This all started on yesterday with patrons of the School Band interviewing business men and merchants in the town to sponsor a "Bluebeard" contestant. It was a "showdown" of a choice of making a large donation to the Band Fund, or grow a beard, so there was much groaning and moaning.
Enough men were found to agree to start the "crop" and by Monday there are hopes of getting more to "join up." The contestants agree not to visit a barber shop during the "growing contest."
All of this is in connection with the Big Band Circus Day that is going to be staged April 21. More details will be announced.
We are informed that among the "Bluebeards" already signed up for this feature are: John Cole, Hunter Dickerson, William Burke, Jack Martin, Frank Wooldridge, Doug Doss, Carter Martin, Larry Young, Thelbert Trent, Lewis McDearmon, Bill Hunter, DeWitt Evans, Gene Paulette, Dick Robinson and Cliff Harvey. Others will be added.

TO PROBE CONTRACTS

The Renegotiationo Board, which seeks to recover excessive profits on government contracts, has sent observors to listen in on congressional investigations of the production and profits of fifteen aircraft companies, which supply the Air Force and Navy with aircraft.

Lazy

"Jones always strikes me as an indolent sort of shap."
"Indolent? Why that fellow is so lazy he always runs his automobile over a bump to knock the ashes off his cigar."

It Happened in Kansas

The horse ambled along for a short distance and then stopped. This procedure was repeated several times. A curious bystander approached the farmer and asked kindly, "Is your horse sick?"
"Nope," answered the farmer: "He's so afraid I'll say 'whoa' and he won't hear me, that he stops every once in a while to listen."

NEWS FOR VETERANS

The millioneth veteran has repaid his GI loan in full, Veterans Administration has announced.
As of January 31, 1956, 1,024,919 loans for homes, farms, and businesses totaling more than $5.1 billion had been repaid in full, or nearly one out of every four GI loans guaranteed or insured by the VA.
In the 11 years of the program, VA has underwritten 4,599,685 GI loans totaling $34.4 billon. Most of the loans, or 4,306,515 were for homes. Of the rmainder, 68,956 were farm loans and 224,214 were business loans.
Of the 1,024,919 GI loans repaid in full, 809,511 were home loans, totaling $4.6 billon; 42,277 were farm loans totaling $132 million, and 173,131 were business loans totaling $420 million.
In addition to the $5.1 billon repand in full, VA estimates another $3.5 billon has been paid off in installments by veterans whose loans are still outstanding.
VA has paid claims to lenders on only 40,035 loans for homes, farms and businesses. These loans had an original principal amount of approximately $200 million.
The net loss to VA has been only $19 million, or a slightly more than 50 cents for every thousand dollars borrowed. VA said the net loss is subject to further recovery, either from the veteran or from the liquidation of tangible security.
Of the 40,035 loans on which claims have been paid, 24,558, or slightly more than one-half of one per cent of the total number guaranteed, were home loans.

VIRUS DISEASE USED TO KILL FOREST INSECT

The Virginia pine sawfly, an insect pest of pine trees in the eastern and central United States, has been controlled in localized areas with a virus-disease spray.
U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists say this achievement, coupled with earlier (1951) successful virus control of the European pine sawfly, gives hope for the eventual practical use of diseases against many forest insects.

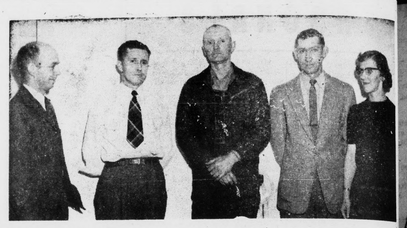
The United States' per capita consumption of milk is lower than that of several other countries. As a group, women consume the least milk. Older women use less milk than younger women, although their need for milk is just as great.

REPORT ON SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Richmond, Va., March 14.- The largest capital outlay program and the largest increase in funds for public education in the history of Virginia were among major items of legislation resulting from the 1956 session of the General Assembly.
The Assembly, completing one of the most harmonious and smooth-functioning sessions in years, concluded its 60 days work at 5:45 P. M., March 10, and set March 30 for the usual "constructive" session when presiding officers and enrolling committees return to sign bills passed in the closing days.
A great part of the important enactments were related to the Appropriation Act, which makes available approximately $360,000,000 for expenditure during the next two years from the General Fund and an additional $530,000,000 from special funds.
The huge capital outlay program, with emphasis on mental hospitals and institutions of higher learning, provides some $62,000,000 for building and improvements during the two years. It was made possible by Governor Stanley's program for accelerating individual income and public service corporation taxes so that a windfall in excess of $53,000,000 will be picked up during the next fiscal year. The rest of the capital outlay money will be available from surplus.
The session ended without a clear-cut decision on school segregation policies, although there was virtual unanimity on the desire for continued segregation. The legislature carried through one of the major recommendations of the Commission on Public Education, providing an amendment to the State Constitution so that public funds can be used for tuition grants to parents of pupils attending private non-sectarian schools. It also reinstated college and war orphan tuition grants which had been invalidated by the State Supreme Court, pending a change in the constitution.
A pupil assignment plan, and other recommendations of the Commission on Public Education, were deferred with the tacit understanding among legislators that these items could be considered in a special session when advisable, or necessary. One of the later debates was on a resolution offered by Speaker E. Blackburn Moore, of Berryville, with 63 co-patrons, to declare a policy of continued segregation in 1956-57 and against an early special session. The resolution passed the House 2 to 1, but was killed by the Senate Rules Committee. This, in effect, left the next step up to the Governor and the State Board of Education. There was no disagreement as to objective — continued segregation — but members differed on the policy which would best accomplish it and at the same time avoid Federal court involvements.
The major policy statement on the segregation issue was the Resolution of Interposition, adopted by overwhelming votes in both Houses, declared the Supreme Court of the U. S. decision an illegal encroachment on the rights of the states and pledging its resistance by honorable, legal and constitutional means. Another resolution by Delegate Sam Pope, of Southampton, was approved on the final day, declaring state policy to be against mixing of the races in athletic competition among the state's free public schools.
The final block to adjournment was cleared when a conference report on the budget bill was adopted restoring $350,000 for a nuclear reactor at the University of Virginia.

ALFALFA ACREAGE INCREASES IN STATE

The increasing popularity of alfalfa in Virginia is well-merited, says John F. Shoulders, associate agronomist at VPI.
He says no otaer perennial forage crop will produce as high yields or is as tolerant to drouth as alfalfa. It is no longer thought of only as a hay crop, but is coming into its own for silage and grazing.
By the end of 1955, 220,000 acres in Virginia were devoted to alfalfa production, an increase of 30,000 acres over the year before, and an increase of 93,000 acres since 1950.
Alfalfa is an exacting crop in its pH, soil drainage, and fertility needs, but there are some soils adopted to its production on most farms. Shoulders says it's time for seeding in most parts of the state, and he has several suggestions for better stands.
Choose a deep well - drained soil. Test soil for lime. Alfalfa requires a pH of 6.5 or above and will not grow on a soil much below that. Use plenty of fertilizer when seeding—it will pay dividends in improved stands and higher yields.
Prepare a good seed bed. The ideal seed bed is firm and compact. Plowing, followed by discing and rolling is generally preferred. The soil should be plowed and disced 30 to 60 days before seeding. Just before seeding, disc and roll with a cultivator or drag with a heavy drag to firm the seed bed. The lack of a good seed bed is one of the most common causes of seeding failures.



APPOMATTOX MAN HONORED—J. Newton Jennings, second from left, was honored Thurs a citation and cash award for his above with Mr. Jennings record with the ASC office. Shown A. Smith, county agent; E. W. Marshall, and William D. Hix, III, County ASC committee mem Miss Annie T. Davidson, treasurer.

J. Newton Jennings, county office manager of the Appomattox Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee since 1945, was the recipient of a statewide citation award and a cash prize of $75.00, in recognition of his outstanding and excellent fulfillment of his position, the honors coming to him at ceremonies here last Thursday afternoon.
The awards were made by H. Ryland Heflin, chairman of the awards committee and a member of the State ASC Committee.
The citation read: "For meritorius execution of duties as evidenced by an exemplary record of unselfish service and work performance and for outstanding service to farmers and community."
It was signed by Earle M. Hughes, administrator.
In making the presentation, Heflin said: "Throughout the years, Jennings has dedicated himself to the task of carrying out the laws and intent of the programs in a cooperative spirit and in a manner which reflects credit not only to himself but to the county and state committees and the department as well."
Jennings had performed seasonal field and clerical work for the committee, dating back to 1937, except for a period from April, 1941, to October, 1945, during which time he served in the Armed Forces in World War II. During the Italian Invasion he suffered the loss of an eye, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart.
Heflin pointed out that the county office, is of vital importance in the operation and acceptability of farm programs prescribed by Congress, since it is at these offices that all important contacts with the farmers are made.

Jennings is active in community group activi steward in the Memorial Church. He is local chai blood donor recruitment of the American Red C
His untiring efforts eration for his fellow m ed for him a place of and respect in the hearts who know and live with

COW EATS CAR TO

Tarpon Springs, Fla. el Tondakos parked her in a parking lot and wh to get the car she fou cow had chewed up th The insurance company get Mrs. Tondakos a n her car, although the without precedent in hi tory.

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The prize winning book, "A Stillness at Appomattox" gave the name of this historic town wide publicity, as it reached the top best-seller lists. It told the famous story of war's end.

And the Cavalcade of America film, "Sunset at Appomattox" was one of the finest contributions in recent years to memorializing the great events at Appomattox Court House.

We note the rising tide of interest in preserving the shrines and traditions of a near-century ago. And we are proud whenever we see the name Appomattox mentioned in titles and stories spread over our nation.

But, there is another title we would like to suggest, and that is . . .

Business at Appomattox

As glorious as are our memories of yesteryears, we present the Modern Appomattox as a great place, too. Appomattox is a growing town, with modern stores, business institutions and services.

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Likewise, in thinking of "Business in Appomattox," we think of the fine industrial pay rolls in our community and we are proud to have our friends come in from the surrounding area to find good employment here. They contribute tremendously to the economic life of the town, and both management and employees merit the support of all our people. Jobs in Appomattox means Business in Appomattox.

A growing Town is ever alert to serve, and the business people of our town want to serve you in an efficient and courteous way, so that you will truly feel that it is to your advantage to "Try Appomattox First."

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